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On: MARCH 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED
UP 12 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 3.01 million head on March 1, up 12 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the February 1 level. Producers placed 360,000 head in commercial feedlots during February, up 6 percent from a year ago, but down 33 percent from the January 2006 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 370,000 head during February, up 3 percent from last year but down 12 percent from last month.

On March 1, there were 2.52 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 84 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 12 percent from last year, and down slightly from the February total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 306,000 head, down 34 percent from the January total. Marketings were down 11 percent from last month to 306,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 12.0 million head on March 1, 2006. This inventory was 8 percent above March 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.60 million head, 5 percent above February 2005. February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 355,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 300,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 510,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 433,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.61 million head, 1 percent below 2005.

Cattle and Calves: Placements, Marketings, Other Disappearance and Inventory in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots										
State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed February 1		Placed on feed during February		Marketed during February		Other disappearance during February		On feed March 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	328	346	23	31	24	24	3	2	324	351
California	525	550	49	63	54	56	5	7	515	550
Colorado	1,060	1,110	175	150	185	165	10	5	1,040	1,090
Idaho	270	265	33	32	52	38	1	4	250	255
Iowa	465	520	57	60	55	58	2	2	465	520
Kansas	2,420	2,580	360	410	390	360	20	20	2,370	2,610
Nebraska	2,350	2,490	315	330	330	360	15	10	2,320	2,450
New Mexico	129	146	13	13	14	14	3	2	125	143
Oklahoma	350	375	48	49	56	56	2	3	340	365
South Dakota	205	210	32	33	26	29	1	4	210	210
TEXAS	2,720	3,030	340	360	360	370	10	10	2,690	3,010
Washington	190	153	32	25	35	22	2	2	185	154
Other States	330	335	46	42	53	60	3	2	310	315
United States	11,342	12,110	1,523	1,598	1,634	1,612	77	73	11,154	12,023

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots										
State	During February									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	15	20	45	30	70	55	45	45	175	150
Kansas	50	60	75	85	125	145	110	120	360	410
Nebraska	42	55	63	60	111	105	99	110	315	330
TEXAS	70	110	75	70	135	120	60	60	340	360
Other States	100	110	50	55	85	85	98	98	333	348
United States	277	355	308	300	526	510	412	433	1,523	1,598

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, March 1, 2004-2006										
Item	Number			2006 as Percent of						
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005					
	<i>1,000 head</i>					<i>Percent</i>				
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	11,138	11,342	12,110	109	107					
Placed on feed during February ^{1/}	1,612	1,523	1,598	99	105					
Fed cattle marketed during February ^{1/}	1,694	1,634	1,612	95	99					
Other disappearance during February ^{1/2/}	69	77	73	106	95					
On feed March 1 ^{2/}	10,987	11,154	12,023	109	108					

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Texas Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots								
Cattle and calves	District 1-N	District 1-S	District 2-N	District 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>							
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	2,523	198	93	20	39	71	86	3,030
Placed on feed during February	306	20	7	4	4	8	11	360
Marketed during February	306	22	12	2	5	10	13	370
Other disappearance during February ^{2/}	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	10
On feed March 1 ^{1/}	2,515	195	88	22	38	68	84	3,010

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